

Senate Council
December 2, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, December 2, 2013 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

1. Minutes from November 25, 2013 and Announcements

The minutes from November 25 were not ready for the SC's review. The Chair announced that she corresponded with Provost Christine Riordan about forums about the new budget model. The Provost suggested waiting until after the first of the year, when there would be more information and details to share.

The Chair explained to SC members that there were three proposals placed on the SC's agenda that now ought to be removed, which would likely require a discussion among SC members. She asked University Senate Parliamentarian J. S. Butler (GS/Martin School of Public Policy and Administration) for guidance. Guest Butler said that the Chair cannot unilaterally remove an item from the SC's agenda, but the SC body can vote to change the agenda, table an item or take any reasonable action the SC wants to take. Butler added that the agenda could be changed by unanimous consent, but if any one SC member wanted to keep the proposals on the agenda for a review, it will take a two-thirds vote to change the agenda.

The Chair said that the first item she proposed removing was the proposed name change of the School of Library and Information Science to the School of Information Sciences (agenda item 3.b.i). The contact person for the proposal agreed to withdraw the item after a considerable amount of communication back and forth about the need of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) for information that is missing from the proposal. There being **no objection**, the proposed name change was **removed** from the agenda by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair said that Wasilkowski, chair of the SAOSC was sick and not in attendance to present the proposed new Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, which she recommended the SC as the second item to remove from the day's agenda. Debski noted her membership on the SAOSC and said that the SAOSC had not yet had time to finish reviewing the proposal. Guest Roger Brown (AG/Agricultural Economics), a member of the SAOSC, said that requesting it be placed on the agenda was done in an effort to provide convenience and expedite the proposal. There was a vote on Tuesday, immediately prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, but the subsequent view of the SAOSC is that there has not been sufficient review to offer a strong recommendation. Debski added that some members had not yet voted via email, although that was likely due at least in part to the shortened holiday week.

The Chair repeated her recommendation to remove the proposed new Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies from the agenda and asked if there were any objections. Guest Adam Banks (AS/English, Division of Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Media) asked for clarification about the SAOSC's vote, specifically if it was incomplete or if it was taken in error. Debski said that as an SAOSC member, she objected to the proposal coming to the SC prior to having an SAOSC discussion or meeting about the proposal. She opined that the proposal was placed on the SC agenda with the good intention of moving

the proposal forward. However, as a consequence of the holiday, there are SAOSC members who did not have a chance to review the proposal and therefore it should not be on the SC's agenda.

Banks said that it was clear that the SC could dispose of the proposal as it wished, but he wanted to know the exact status of the vote that led to the proposal being placed on the SC agenda. If the vote was procedurally in error or if it was a mistake that led to it being placed on the agenda, he wanted to understand that. If neither of those was the case, he did not want review of the proposal to be postponed. Debski said that the person who placed the item on the SC agenda did so tentatively with the idea that the full SAOSC would weigh in – it was not clear to that person that it could not just be scratched from the agenda at the last moment.

The Chair asked that the decision be put to SC members. There being **no objection**, the proposed new department was **removed** from the agenda by **unanimous consent**.

The last item the Chair recommended for removal was the proposal for a new BA/BS in Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Media. She reminded SC members that the proposal had been tabled until the proposed new department was reviewed, both in tandem. She asked if there were any objections to removing it from the agenda. There was a brief discussion about the reason for tabling the proposal, but Butler reminded them that the item should be formally brought off the table if it is to be discussed. Wood commented, and Butler agreed, that the proposal for the new BA/BS was never actually on the agenda, because the associated departmental proposal was now not on the agenda.

The Chair apologized to Roxanne Mountford (AS/English, Division of Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Media) and to Adam Banks and said they would be notified when the proposal was ready for the SC's review.

2. Old Business

a. Administrative Regulations 5:5 ("Grievance Procedure for House Officers")

The Chair asked Guest Susan McDowell (Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) to explain the revisions to the document, which she did. McDowell and Guest Marcy Deaton (Legal Counsel) agreed to make the language on harassment more inclusive, as well as to reorder the sentences in the section on stage four and link that to "within 10 days."

Christ **moved** that the SC endorse the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 5:5* ("Grievance Procedure for House Officers") and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Brion **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) - Davy Jones, Chair

i. Proposed Charge for Senate's Committee on Distance Learning and e-Learning

Guest Davy Jones, chair of the SREC, explained that the SC established an ad hoc committee on distance learning and then changed the committee from ad hoc status to become a standing committee of the Senate. The SC asked the ad hoc committee to draft its own charge. The language will be presented to the Senate to be incorporated into *Senate Rules 1.4.2.13*.

Anderson **moved** to approve the proposed new charge to the Senate Committee on Distance Learning and e-Learning (SCDLel) and the incorporation of the charge into *Senate Rules 1.4.2.13*. Watt **seconded**. Hippisley commented on the relative inactivity of some Senate committees and asked if the SCDLeL

currently had any responsibilities. Jones responded that it was currently reviewing a requirement of student access to exams from FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) for students in a distance learning course. Jones confirmed that the SC could expect reports from the SCDLeL at some point. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Election Update

Jones announced that Hippisley was the only SC member nominated who was willing to serve. Therefore, Hippisley was declared the SC chair-elect, to take office on June 1, 2014. Those present congratulated Hippisley with a round of applause.

Jones said that there had been an IT programming issue which affected the start of the nomination and election of senators for service on the SC. Thirty-four nominations were made by senators; Jones said he would contact those nominated this week to whittle it down to a list of six, from which elected faculty senators will vote for three new SC members.

Regarding the election of a vice chair for the SC, Jones said the process would begin in earnest the following week.

There were no questions for Jones and he departed.

4. UK's December 2013 Degree List

Christ said there was a problem with the list of names for Art History. Ms. Brothers replied that she would check into it and get it fixed, if necessary. McCamy **moved** that the elected faculty senators of the SC approve UK's December 2013 list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Academic Calendars

(2014 - 2015 Calendar; 2016 - 2017 Calendar, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Dentistry; 2016 - 2017 Dentistry, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Law; Summer I (four-week) 2015 Law; Summer 2015 Law; 2016 - 2017 Law, Tentative; Summer I (four-week) 2017 Law, Tentative; Summer 2017 Law, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Medicine; 2016 - 2017 Medicine, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Pharmacy; 2016 - 2017 Pharmacy, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Winter Intersession; and 2016 - 2017 Winter Intersession, Tentative)

Because the Senate has not yet approved the Graduate School deadline application date change, the date was not included in the academic calendars being presented for the SC's review. There was extensive discussion surrounding the correct order of Senate approvals for the academic calendars and the soon-to-be-added Graduate School degree application deadline. Eventually SC members agreed to send the calendars and the added deadline to the Senate as is; the SC can then approve the inclusion of the new deadline into the necessary calendars, as a minor calendar change in early spring semester, and report it to the Senate in February.

Wood **moved** to approve the academic calendars presented (2014 - 2015 Calendar; 2016 - 2017 Calendar, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Dentistry; 2016 - 2017 Dentistry, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Law; Summer I (four-week) 2015 Law; Summer 2015 Law; 2016 - 2017 Law, Tentative; Summer I (four-week) 2017 Law, Tentative; Summer 2017 Law, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Medicine; 2016 - 2017 Medicine, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Pharmacy; 2016 - 2017 Pharmacy, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Winter Intersession; and 2016 - 2017

Winter Intersession, Tentative). Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Tentative Senate Agenda for December 9, 2013

SC members discussed the Senate agenda and the appropriate frequency of reports on campus activities. Brion **moved** to accept the tentative Senate agenda as presented and Christ **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There being no further business to attend to, Brion **moved** to adjourn and Anderson **seconded**. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Debski, Hippisley, McCamy, Watt, Wilson and Wood.

Invited guests present: Adam Banks, Roger Brown, J. S. Butler, Marcy Deaton, Davy Jones and Susan McDowell.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.